

## **MISSION**

The mission of KART (Kansas City Antibiotic Resistance Task Force) is to reduce antimicrobial resistance throughout the Kansas City area for the citizens of Kansas City. We will accomplish this mission through collaboration with private, not-for-profit, and government partners.



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The Kansas City Antibiotic Resistance Task Force seeks to achieve its mission by:

- Obtaining and disseminating current and credible information on appropriate antibiotic use to health care professionals, patients, and consumers for the purpose of improving antibiotic use and reducing antimicrobial resistance.
- Developing and implementing surveillance, professional education, and public awareness strategies and educational and behavioral interventions aimed at reducing inappropriate antibiotic prescribing.

## **Goals**

1. To develop strategies to reduce antimicrobial resistance in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
2. To provide a forum for bringing together stake holders interested in appropriate antibiotic use and serving as a resource for these stake holders.
3. To educate patients and consumers that antibiotics do not work for viral infections and to raise awareness of the problem of antibiotic resistance.
4. To provide accurate and up-to-date information to health care professionals on resistance trends and appropriate antibiotic use guidelines.
5. To provide resources and tools for the health care professionals to use in educating patients.
6. To provide accurate data on outpatient antibiotic prescribing habits of physicians and other health care professionals and measure the effectiveness of various interventions.
7. To establish a means to measure antibiotic resistance rates in outpatient community-based settings.
8. To serve as a Partner with the CDC and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as part of a statewide campaign to reduce antimicrobial resistance through the promotion of more judicious antibiotic use.